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1. Consortium d'appui aux actions pour la promotion et le développement de l'Afrique

Special, 2016

Introduction

The last four years have been very rich and colourful for the Consortium d'appui aux actions pour la promotion et le développement de l'Afrique (CAPDA). This report captures the essence thereof by summarizing our national, regional and international activities over that period. We are a sector member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and an At-Large Structure of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). In addition to its role of promoting local development, the organization fosters the seamless integration of cutting-edge information and communication technologies (ICT) in Cameroon society. The main thrust of our activities of relevance here is as follows: the development of information systems, hosting/search engines and substantial databases, as well as school counselling and support, and so on. We consider that offering training to and holding intercultural meetings for young people, civil society, vulnerable persons and local government managers to enable them to use professional technological tools is essential for their future.

Aims and purpose of the organization

CAPDA has concentrated on carrying out the action plan adopted as part of the road map at the general assembly devoted to the statement of accounts and evaluation of activities. As it is open to people from all walks of life, the organization endeavours fruitfully to ally the requirements of an empirical approach with training and information outreach to a public which is not strictly specialized. It takes the view that mastering information empowers men and women (both young and not so young) at different levels of society. Its chief objective is to use this information to create the key knowledge and skills required for navigating the tangled web of society. The organization sets out to build up layer by layer, area by area:

1. A collective awareness among young people, women, craftspersons/promoters of microprojects and local actors of the need for urban and rural development resting on individual and collective initiatives in order to eradicate hunger, poverty and destitution in their immediate environment;
2. Monitoring, counselling, technical expertise and, possibly, financial support for those who wish to improve their life setting up their own niche businesses;
3. Encouragement of the general public's participation in development with a sociocultural and spiritual dimension;
4. Improvement of the community's surroundings through environmental protection;
5. Awareness building to promote the safeguarding of peace and education for democracy.

Significant changes in the organization

This year, the organization has pursued its lifelong learning and new-thinking policy, as reflected in its participation in local, regional and global forums and colloquiums on various subjects encompassed by its action plan. This approach has enabled us to glean knowledge and know-how from distinguished, long-established organizations as well as from amateur bodies or bodies in the process of being set up, which enhances our experience and fortifies our aspiration to contribute to the

advancement of peoples. The finalization of the plan to collaborate with several universities followed by the setting up of a platform for international cooperation has indubitably had a significant impact on the organization's recent activities. Once again, the organization has thus helped to conserve the heritage.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Although information is now used intensively in many activities, the contribution of ICT in Africa is still questionable. In order to lessen the controversy surrounding the contribution of ICT to the promotion of well-being and development, the organization has held several workshops and seminars to explain and show how the information borne by ICTs has become an eminently strategic resource. By writing newspaper articles and holding meetings and exchanges, the organization makes its modest contribution to the dissemination of the goals of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), ITU, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Union (AU) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Ultimately we seek to shape digital behaviour, eradicate digital exclusion and combat the improper use and risks of the internet for young people, economic operators and educational specialists, with a focus on helping to develop a legal arsenal against cybercrime.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization was a prominent participant in almost all of the global and regional summits of the United Nations in our field of activity, including:

- 2017 Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Geneva
- World Summit on the Information Society, 2015, 2016 and 2018, in Geneva
- Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (2016–2018), fourth meeting, 25–27 September 2017, in Geneva
- United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), nineteenth session, May 2016, in Geneva
- Africa Regional WSIS Follow-up and Annual Review and Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Emerging Issues in ICT Meeting, 22–24 November 2016, in Addis Ababa
- Africa Internet Governance Forum, Egypt 2017, South Africa 2016 and Ethiopia 2015
- Central Africa Internet Governance Forum, Equatorial Guinea IGF, Democratic Republic of Congo IGF.

The organization's action plan is designed to raise the poor educational level of most young people and adults in rural and peri-urban areas. The information deficit causes and perpetuates low productivity and, above all, very poor use of the potential of young people and women. From its work in the field, it has found that the awareness and spread of ICT opportunities tends to be confined to the areas immediately surrounding towns, thus creating a real social divide. The organization suggests that the next goals of the United Nations should concentrate on:

- Increasing access possibilities
- Significantly reducing user costs and increasing speed
- Standardizing operational environments and the quality of service.

A legal framework defining specific and strategic aspects related to a general policy on e-safety, the regulation and monitoring of e-safety activities, electronic certification, protection of electronic communication networks, information systems and privacy should be introduced without delay.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

As a sector member of ITU we take part in a number of meetings related to digital matters. We have observer status with the CSTD and regularly make our modest contribution to the process. In ECA and AU, immersion in different new environments and the exploration of real-life contexts for developing and practising intercultural communication, diplomatic skills and problem solving in the global village attest to the organization's will to gain a maximum of essential intercultural competence.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The organization has developed an educational approach essentially aimed at ensuring the dwellers of the plant holistic physical, mental and social well-being. The determining factors of this very demanding balance are both numerous and subtle and are drawn from among those embodied in the Millennium Development Goals. In short, the organization is active with regard to the following:

- Eradication of extreme poverty and hunger
- Achievement of universal primary education
- Promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment
- Reduction of the under-five mortality rate
- Establishment of a global partnership for development.

2. Fondation généreuse développement

Special, 2010

Introduction

The organization, which was founded in 2000, has its headquarters in Cameroon and is represented in Geneva and France. It is moving towards a new stage in its institutional development where, while the principles underpinning its action remain the same, its working methods and practices will be tailored to new development requirements in this century characterized by globalization, in line with governments and development agencies' ongoing general aim of reducing absolute poverty.

Aims and purpose of the organization

The improvement of the living conditions of disadvantaged and socially excluded population groups and the struggle to eradicate poverty. Other challenges, such as education, health, environmental protection, entrepreneurship, women's empowerment, the social and professional integration of young people and countering violence.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization was designated a focal point for the 2017 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva. It supports rural populations' endeavours

to achieve social cohesion by assisting them to live together in an "intelligent village", by creating an environment where villagers foster their own development, live from their resources, create energy from household refuse and upcycle rubbish. It also now seeks to create jobs for young people, empower women, counter violence and encourage education through the donation of computers.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2017: as an organisation in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, it submitted a written statement on the thematic issues considered by the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) at its sixteenth session, 24–28 April 2017, in New York.

2017: innovative proposals regarding the structure and programme of the WSIS Forum, 12–16 June

2017: questionnaire to be completed by independent organizations

2016: item 4 on the agenda of the abovementioned session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration

2017: application to the President of the General Assembly High-Level Event on Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Agenda, 23 March.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2017: participation in the NGO briefing, Palais des Nations, Geneva

2016: UNESCO "What does peace look like?" exhibition, Geneva Peace Week, 7–16 November, Palais des Nations, Geneva

2016: Fifth United Nations Forum on business and human rights, 14–16 November, Palais des Nations, Geneva

2016: NGO briefing, Palais des Nations, Geneva

2015: NGO briefing, Palais des Nations, Geneva

2015: Meeting of Experts on the International Labour Organization Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), Geneva

2015: 44th and 45th meetings of the Economic and Social Council, 8 July High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, 4th Conference of the Regulating for Decent Work Network, 8–10 July 2015, Geneva

2014: Forum on Minority Issues, 25 November, Palais des Nations, Geneva

2014: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), 50th anniversary celebrations, Palais des Nations, Geneva

2014: International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO), Trade facilitation and policy harmonization, Palais des Nations, Geneva

2014: Voluntary Contributions Fund, annual conference, Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

End violence against women and girls, United Nations Women Programme. The organization joined the #Me too awareness campaign and supported the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign in an event held on 17 November 2017 in Cameroon.

The organization had a stand at the WSIS Forum 2017 Exhibition on the transition from the informal to the formal economy: empowerment of rural women, 12–16 June 2017 in Geneva.

Much attention has always been paid to the empowerment of women in the organization's strategy to combat poverty through the empowerment of grass-roots groups. Building the capacity of women and encouraging women's entrepreneurship is the only way of giving them real economic power in the economies of the South. ICT training for girls, Douala, Cameroon, 2017.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Raising awareness of transmissible diseases and environmental protection.

Making of t-shirts and calendars, 2014–2015, fight against Ebola.

Radio campaign to raise awareness of violence against women, Cameroon, 2017.

ICT training for street children, Cameroon, 2016.

Education: the organization ran a reading competition in schools with a prize for the best reader, in partnership with the National Education Department and Doula Municipality, Cameroon, 2017.

Donation of computers to schools and associations in Togo, Cameroon and France

Setting up of a livestock breeding project in Côte d'Ivoire to combat poverty.

3. Fondation VIMANIS

Special, 2010

Introduction

The VIMANIS Foundation is a Swiss non-profit-making charity, set up in 2004, which is supervised by the Swiss Autorité Fédérale de Surveillance des Fondations (foundation supervisory board).

Aims and purpose of the organization

The purpose of the Foundation is to support and promote economic, ecological and social programmes related to sustainable development and medical research into early cancer detection.

Significant changes in the organization

International medical research programme on early cancer detection.

After successfully conducting several projects to succour needy population groups in difficult circumstances, VIMANIS decided to turn to projects dealing with situations leading to those circumstances. After conducting a programme to prevent girls from becoming domestic slaves, VIMANIS found that disadvantaged population groups were increasingly suffering from cancer which, having been detected too late, then required treatment which was too expensive for them. That is why, since 2016, the Foundation has principally been engaged in carrying out its international medical research programme on early cancer detection — Swissnose ©.

The current scientific task of the Foundation committee in charge of this programme is to organize and develop research into animal and artificial olfactory early detection of cancer.

The Foundation's aim in the field of applied research is to develop an operational prototype of a portable device for the early detection of cancer and to this end it is collaborating with the Geneva School of Engineering, Architecture and Landscape (HEPIA-HES SO, Geneva).

In April 2017, the Cantonal Commission on Ethics and Research (CCER, Geneva) authorized the Foundation to begin a clinical trial with an approved research plan in Geneva University Hospital.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our achievements:

- 13 years of existence (2004–2017)
- 26,000 hours of unpaid voluntary work
- 20 projects carried out in 4 countries
- 50,000 indirect beneficiaries
- 6 international socio-economic symposiums held in Geneva.

Our funding:

Consultative status in the Economic and Social Council

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) award

Charity registered in the Republic and Canton of Geneva and subject to the authority of the Autorité Fédérale de Surveillance des Fondations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Attendance of sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva and of other events connected with the Foundation's aims as set forth in its Statute.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

- World Human Rights Forum, Marrakech, 27–30 November 2014
- Cooperation with WIPO during the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), (November 2016, Marrakech), on the subjects of mitigating climate change impacts and innovative adaptation
- Joint action to secure the access of the most disadvantaged sections of the popular to medical treatment
- 37 WIPO awards for innovation to the Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le Développement Durable (FSMD).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Subject matter of the activities of the Fondation VIMANIS (formerly the FSMD):

Sustainable development

Rights of the child and human rights

Education and training

Health and social welfare

Social economy

Environment and energy.

Scientific research and technological innovation

The Foundation helps populations to adjust to the consequences of climate change by awareness-raising and information, upgrading knowledge and disseminating suitable technologies.

The Foundation's mission is consonant with the new road map related to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, presented on Friday, 25 September 2015, the first day of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. After the eight Millennium Development Goals pursued over the period 2000–2015, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals should make it possible to build the future of the 8.5 billion people who are expected to live on the planet in fifteen years' time.

4. Fundación Pro Humanae Vitae

Special, 2014

Introduction

Fields of action: social and cooperative economy; sustainable development, art and culture, sport, political communication, social responsibility, intercultural peace dialogue, international relations, virtual international training, human rights, social action, youth, education, health and environment.

General purpose: comprehensive advancement and development of men and women in order to provide equal access to opportunities.

Geographical area: 34 delegations covering five continents.

Aims and purpose of the organization

To foster access to culture. To contribute to peacebuilding through dialogue. To encourage international cooperation. To instil social responsibility. To promote job creation and gender equality.

Sigaificant changes in the organization

The organization has become increasingly professional and international and has therefore adjusted its mission, organigramme and governance. New address: 7 No. 850, La Plata, CP1900, Argentina.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Programme to promote entrepreneurship, launched in 2014. Civil society organizations, private sector associations, local, provincial and national authorities and universities have all joined together in an effort to strengthen family businesses and boost local development. Tango por la Paz (Tango for Peace) international cooperation programme. The Tango por la Paz company was set up in 2016 to disseminate the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. The international Tango por la Paz festival was held in Chengdu (People's Republic of China) in 2016 and 2017.

Programme to set up international alliances: 54 reverse missions carried out with the United States of America resulted in 40 institutional alliances; 59 reverse missions with the People's Republic of China gave rise to 38 alliances; 8 reverse and 3 direct missions with the United Mexican States; 8 reverse and 3 direct missions with the Republic of Turkey.

International young sportspersons programme: in 2017, 42 young Argentinians from various towns in the province of Buenos Aires exchanged visits with 42 young Chinese sportspersons from the town of Chengdu.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information supplied.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Foundation liaises with the United Nations Information Centre, Argentina, for the purpose of disseminating the Sustainable Development Goals.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Millennium Development Goals

2014: Goals 1, 7 and 8: International Day of Peace; Spring Day; International conference entitled "China, La Plata and the world", Global Confucius Day; visit from the mayor of Shenyang; international conference entitled "Local development and leadership in Europe and Latin America", visits from 8 Latin American mayors.

2015: Goals 1, 3, 7 and 8: entrepreneurs' workshops; programme to promote entrepreneurship; regional meeting on the social and cooperative economy; Feria Manos Platense, eco-businesspersons' programme, World Environment Day, organization of Chinese New Year's festivities in La Plata; reception of a delegation from Chengdu; meeting with the Ambassador of Mexico to Argentina; official visits to the towns of Xiaogan and Jiujang in China and visit of the deputy mayor of Jianggan.

Sustainable Development Goals

2016: Goals 3, 4, 5, 8, 16 and 17: project to expand health checks; reception of trainees from Italy and Peru; meeting of young people jointly organized by the Foundation and the municipality of La Plata; Advisory Board of the National University of La Plata — Fundación Pro Humanae Vitae; award of the Women's Solidarity Prize by the Chair of the organization; Political Communication Institute; first Tango por la Paz festival in Chengdu, visit from the deputy mayor of Chengdu

2017: Goals 4, 8, 9, 10 and 17: Yo Corazón programme; Feria Manos Platense; contract with the Mundo Pastel company; Mate Emprendador programme; international sports complexes programme; martial arts event; first martial arts competition; organization of Chinese New Year festivities in La Plata; second Tango por la Paz festival in Chengdu; reception of a delegation from the Chinese town of Pu'er.

5. Hope Foundation NGO

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Hope Foundation NGO operates in the Democratic Republic of the Congo which is experiencing a post-conflict situation.

Aims and purpose of the organization

- Raising the population's awareness of the notion of human rights and dissemination of the latter
- Combating socioeconomic and political injustice and hunger
- Support for disadvantaged children, vocational training
- Support for vulnerable persons.

Significant changes in the organization

As well as Kinshasa, we now cover the provinces of Haut Katanga, Ituri and Haut Uele.

In the provinces of Katanga and Lomani we work in partnership with the NGO BEST.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has organized several vocational training courses designed to equip population groups for a role as actors of development.

Training in the building of covered drains and sanitation facilities to improve environmental sanitation.

Combating rural and urban poverty by initiation in and creation of income-generating activities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information supplied.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In Katanga we attend the monthly meetings of the Regional Office of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Joint action by the Hope Foundation NGO and the BEST NGO ("Bien Être Sociale Pour Tous")

The organization has organized several vocational training courses designed to equip population groups for a role as actors of development.

Training in the building of covered drains and sanitation facilities to improve environmental sanitation.

Combating rural and urban poverty by initiation in and creation of income-generating activities.

6. Ibuka — Mémoire et justice (section Suisse)

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Swiss section of Ibuka was founded in Geneva on 28 May 1995 at the initiative of Rwandans resident in Switzerland. Its official title is IBUKA — Mémoire et Justice, section Suisse. Its first Statute was adopted on the above-mentioned date. It is a non-profit-making association which brings together survivors of the Tutsi genocide, victims' family members and all persons who wish to honour the memory of victims and are concerned about the fate of survivors.

Aims and purpose of the organization

Aims: by its very nature the association seeks to:

(a) Perpetuate the memory of all the victims of the Tutsi genocide committed in Rwanda in 1994 and in earlier years;

(b) Rehabilitate and protect survivors of the genocide;

(c) Encourage the collection of survivors' eyewitness accounts for publication;

(d) Support any action to find those responsible for the genocide and bring them to justice;

(e) Constantly counter the belittlement, denial or revisionism of the genocide;

(f) Do everything possible to prevent the recurrence of such a tragedy;

(g) Establish fruitful cooperation with other associations with the same purposes wherever they are located;

(h) Study ways and means of providing genocide survivors with reparation by the Rwandan Government and the international community.

Significant changes in the organization

New committee elected at the General Assembly on 26 November 2016. Mr. César Murangira is the honorary Chair.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The United Nations designated 7 April the International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda.

Every year the Swiss section of Ibuka, represented by it Chair, takes part in the event alongside the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Ambassador of Rwanda to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The representatives of the Swiss section of Ibuka took part in the following meetings: meeting of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva with representatives of NGOs in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council; the United Nations Democracy Fund; the International Day of Democracy — Democracy and Conflict Prevention (2017); Democracy and the United Nations; initial vocational training.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

We have so far been unable to establish cooperation with United Nations bodies owing to a lack of human and financial resources. No information supplied.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

We have taken action in response to goals 1, 2, 3 and 6.

Goal 1: We have directly assisted eight women living in Rwanda, two of whom are living with HIV/AIDS. Ibuka has also contributed to the purchase of a home for two women survivors who are living with disability on account of the genocide. One lives in Kigali, the other in Butare.

Goal 2: Ibuka has sponsored the secondary schooling of six young survivors. It has also helped to purchase educational material for 67 survivors who are members of the Club Urumuri and who live in southern Rwanda.

Goals 3 and 6: the organization has secured the treatment in Geneva of two women living with the after-effects of the genocide. It enabled them to obtain the appropriate care and return to Rwanda where they are now able to live independently.

7. International Network for the Standardization of Higher Education Degrees

Special, 2014

Introduction

Our NGO is submitting its first quadrennial report, but is it gradually beginning to take part in the work of United Nations bodies.

Aims and purpose of the organization

Our NGO is concerned with education and training. We seek to turn what has been learnt into real professional and vocational skills of benefit to the populations of developing countries.

Significant changes in the organization

Nothing to report.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information supplied.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 12–16 May 2
- Twenty-seventh regular session of the Human Rights Council, 8–26 September 2014
- World Summit on the Information Society, 1–11 April 2015
- Thirtieth regular session of the Human Rights Council, 14 September–2 October 2016
- Thirty-first regular session of the Human Rights Council, 29 February–24 March 2016

- World Summit on the Information Society, 5–7 May 2016
- Thirty-fourth regular session of the Human Rights Council, 27 February–24 March 2017
- Internet Governance Forum, 1–3 March 2017
- Ninety-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1–25 August 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

2014:

- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development, second session, 19–21 March
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development, second session, 15–17 April
- UNCTAD Trade and Development Commission, sixth session 5–9 May
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Promoting Economic Integration and Cooperation, second session, 19–20 May
- UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, Twenty-eighth special session, 17 June, Doc. TD/B(S-XXVIII)/S
- UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, 59th executive session, 23–25 June Doc. TD/B/EX(59)/INF.1 and TD/B/EX(59)/4
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, second session (trade facilitation), 1–3 July, Doc. TD/B/C.1/MEM.7/INF.2 and TD/B/C.1/MEM.7/6
- UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, fourteenth session, 8–10 July, Doc.TD/B/C.1/CLP/34
- UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, sixty-first session, 15–26 September, Doc. TD/B/61/10 and TD/B/61/INF.1
- UNCTAD, Expert Meeting on the Impact of Access to Financial Services, Including by Highlighting Remittances on Development: Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth, 12–14 November, Doc. TD/B/C.1/EM.6/Inf.1 and TD/B/C.1/EM.6/3
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, third session (small island developing States), 24–26 November, Doc.TD/B/C.1/MEM.7/INF.3
- UNCTAD, Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget, sixty-ninth session (programme narrative for the biennium 2016–2017), 1–5 December, Doc. TD/B/WP/267 and TD/B/WP/267/Rev.1
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, second session, 8–9 December, Doc. TD/B/C.1/MEM.5/INF.2 and TD/B/C.1/MEM.5/6
- UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, sixtieth executive session (least developed countries), 10–12 December, Doc. TD/B/EX(60)/Inf.1 and TD/B/EX(60)2

2015:

- UNCTAD, Expert Meeting on Cyberlaws and Regulations for Enhancing E-commerce including Case Studies and Lessons Learned, 25–27 March, Doc. TD/B/C.II/EM.5/3 and TD/B/C.II/EM.5/INF.5
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development, third session, 30–31 March, TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/INF.3 and TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/9
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development, seventh session, 15–16 April, Doc. TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/UNF.7 and TD/B/C.I /MEM.2/3
- UNCTAD, Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission, seventh session, 20–24 April, Doc. TD/B/C.II/INF.7; TD/B/C.II/31 and TD/B/C.II/31
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, second session (trade facilitation), 1–3 July, doc. TD/B/C.I/MEM.6 /INF.2
- UNCTAD, Seventh United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices, 6–10 July, Doc.TD/RBP/CONF.8/11
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, third session, 24–26 November, Doc. TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/9
- UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, twenty-ninth special session, 26 November, Doc.TD/B/(S-XXIX)/2 and Doc. TD/B/(S-XXIX)/INF.1
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, Third and Fourth Sessions, 14–15 December, Doc. TD/B/C.I /MEM./.9 and TD/B/C.I/MEM.5/Inf.3

2016:

- UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, sixty-second executive session, 25–26 January, Doc. (TD/B/EX(62)/INF.1 and TD/B/EX(62)2
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Committee on WIPO Standards, 21–24 March
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development, eighth session, 21–22 April, Doc. TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/NF.8
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development, fourth session, 18–20 May, Doc. TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/INF.4 and TD/B/C.I /MEM.4/12
- UNCTAD, Expert Meeting on Trade as a Tool for the Empowerment of Women, 23–24 May, Doc. TD/B/C.I/EM.8/Inf.1 and TD/B/C.I/EM.8/3
- UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, thirtieth special session, 13 June, Doc. TD/B/S/(S-XXX)/2
- WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement, 5–7 September
- WIPO, Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore meeting, 19–23 September

- UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, sixty-third executive session [Africa and the Trade and Development Report], 27–29 September, Doc. TD/B/EX(63)4 and TD/B/EX(63)/INF.1
- UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, thirty-third session, 4–6 October, Doc. TD/B/C.II/ISAR/Inf.9 and TD/B/C.II/ISAR/79

2017:

- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development, fifth session, 18–20 July, Doc. TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/Inf.5 and TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/15
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development, fifth session, 4–6 October, Doc. TD/B/EDE/1/INF.1 and TD/B/EDE/1/3
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development, fifth session, 9–11 October, Doc. TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/INF.5 and TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/15.
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development, fifth session, 12–13 October, Doc. TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/39
- UNCTAD, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development, fifth session, 23–24 October, Doc. TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/15

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Vocational training courses run in secondary schools and colleges in Africa.

8. Jesus Weeps over Africa

Special, 2014

Introduction

The activities of our NGO form part of our country's comprehensive national and provincial action plan to combat poverty in our local communities. The organization is an association of young Christians in Africa. As a messenger of the final hour, it calls on the African peoples in general and the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in particular to step out of the darkness into light. The organization's cover extends throughout the province of Kongo Central with a special focus on the port town Matadi, which is located 350 km to the south of Kinshasa.

Aims and purpose of the organization

The organization has set itself 25 goals which may be subsumed under the single heading of striving for justice and salvation.

Its purposes are:

– To strive for human dignity

– To strive for the holistic development of the human being

– To strive for justice and social peace.

The organization's action takes the form of training and counselling unemployed girls and of literacy training. These activities are financed by members' subscriptions and donations from a number of sponsors.

Significant changes in the organization

The structure of our organization has not altered significantly over the last five years. The most noteworthy development is the keener interest of members in participating in Economic and Social Council forums and women's forums in February and March every year, but these efforts are undermined by difficulties in obtaining a visa for the United States of America.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Every year our organization sends a written statement to the United Nations through the Economic and Social Council during preparations for the meeting in February and the meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women held in March in New York.

The organization engages in several activities, including for example a workshop on building the capacity of development actors, the second and most recent of which was held on 12 October 2017 in the Salvation Army hall in the Biwewe district of Matadi.

In our paper for the session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in March 2015 in New York we described the impact, twenty years later, for women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo of the World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995.

All women in Kongo Central belong to a cultural, religious or development association. Government programmes to promote girls' employment help them to compete in occupations which were formerly the preserve of men, such as aviation, electrical and mechanical engineering.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization makes tremendous efforts to secure our members' participation in United Nations meetings and forums, but we always encounter difficulties in obtaining a visa. Unfortunately for this reason and owing to a lack of sufficient financial resources, the organization has been unable to attend any forum in New York or Geneva, although it is not for want of trying. We have not therefore yet managed to send a delegation to a United Nations meeting abroad.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization cooperates with UN bodies by taking part in civil society meetings with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) in Matadi, but it has not yet carried out a project with its financial assistance.

In the coming years, we are determined to cooperate with agencies and organizations active in our area of work and, through an enabling environment, to build a community of shared interests to the benefit of all partners and vulnerable persons.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

We have put our schemes into operation by devising specific plans of action which have then been followed up in practice. Significant progress has been made in various priority areas, although results have been better in some than in others. Despite the fact that, during the period in question, we have met with some

disappointments, we have also notched up some successes which form a sound basis for our work in the years to come:

- Establishing a permanent cooperation office
- Strengthening and expanding our organization
- Improving internal governance and democracy
- Developing and applying internal and external means of communication.

9. Maasai Aid Association

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Maasai Aid Association, formed in Switzerland (Geneva) in 2003, aims to help the Maasai population of Kenya in the areas of education, health and protection of children and women. The Association is administered in Switzerland by a committee of 6–9 volunteer women. In Kenya it employs paid staff recruited from among the Maasai people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims:

- To provide assistance for the education of disadvantaged children. Each year, the Association grants some 300 scholarships to young Maasai boys and girls in primary schools (boarding and non-boarding) as well as lower and upper secondary schools. The Association also contributes to school infrastructure in Kenya by building schoolrooms in remote Maasai villages, as well as school dormitories and health stations (20 schoolrooms have been built so far).
- To defend human rights and the rights of the child (specifically focusing on eradicating female genital mutilation and forced premature marriage). Over a period of four years (2009–2012) the Association conducted wide-ranging campaigns against Female Genital Mutilation across the country in the districts of Narok, Samburu, Kisii, Trans Mara, Loitokitok and Isiolo. The Association defends young Maasai girls against excision and forced marriage by intervening through local actors and educating at-risk children in boarding schools.
- To help children in physical or moral distress: the Association protects young Maasai girls against excision and forced marriage by intervening through local collaborators. The Association arranges surgery for children with disabilities who cannot afford hospital treatment. The Association essentially pays for orthopaedic surgery for youths with disabilities at CURE International Children's Hospital in Kijabe, Bethany Children's Hospital and elsewhere.
- The Association also intervenes by providing young women giving birth alone in remote places with emergency transport to the nearest maternity ward (Narok Hospital). The Association regularly organizes reproductive health information workshops for women, emphasizing the harms of excision and the importance of women's education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association contributes to:

- Educating disadvantaged children in Kenya, principally girls, by strengthening school infrastructure (building of classrooms, boarding and health facilities)
- Promoting gender equality and women's autonomy, by conducting information seminars on women's rights and on health topics, and by organizing literacy classes for illiterate adult women
- Protecting children threatened by harmful practices (early marriage and genital mutilation)
- Mother-and-child protection during childbirth, providing mothers in labour with transport to maternity clinics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, 10 October 2017, UNOG Director-General's meeting with non-governmental organizations
- United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, 21 November 2017, Meeting on OHCHR's Official Management Plan 2018–2021
- United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, 11–12 December 2017, Ninth International Conference on the Rights of Nature for Peace and Sustainable Development.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

- 2013: M.A.A. "communication to the Commission on the Status of Women" (CEDAW)
- 2010: M.A.A. "communication to the Commission on the Status of Women" (CEDAW)
- 2011: participation in World Health Organization's Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (4 February, Geneva)
- Since 2010: M.A.A. has been accredited to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 2: achieve universal primary education. The Association clearly contributes to this goal by providing 300 scholarships for poor children.

Goal 3: promote gender equality and empower women. The Association contributes to fostering autonomy among rural Maasai women by informing them about their rights and their health, and by conducting literacy campaigns.

Goal 4: reduce child mortality. The Association has been participating for over seven years in emergency childbirth operations for young women.

Goal 5: improve maternal health. The Association, through the same activity (emergency transport to hospital of women in childbirth), is also preserving the health of the mother.

Goal 7: ensure environmental sustainability. The Association carried out a reforestation campaign focusing on Maasai village children. The Association has also planned the creation of "school gardens" in two other Maasai villages (so that the

younger generation can familiarize itself with farming, with plants, and with seasonal farm practices, etc.)

10. Playdoo (Côte d'Ivoire)

Special, 2010

Introduction

Playdoo (Côte d'Ivoire) (Playdoo-CI) is a non-profit, non-political, non-governmental organization (NGO) consisting of activists who work for the promotion and protection of human rights, especially women's rights. It wages a bold and determined campaign against all forms of violence against women. Its activities fall within the framework of good governance and sustainable development. Playdoo-CI fosters organizational and functional capacities among women, especially in the rural setting, with a view to responding promptly to the needs of vulnerable populations — especially those who lack information concerning health, hygiene and women's rights — in order to enhance women's capacity for production through mechanization of their labour.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Playdoo-CI aims to provide assistance and support (moral and material) at the national level to populations in distress by conducting activities in the social domain in the fields of health, education, environment and any other vital area in which populations, rural and urban, can be helped to thrive.

The aims of Playdoo-CI are as follows:

General aim: to contribute to the wellbeing of the human person through education in the culture of human rights, democratic governance and community development.

Specific aims:

- To engage in promotion of human rights, specifically protection of women against violence;
- To encourage citizen participation and governance;
- To promote community development and women's autonomy.

Significant changes in the organization

During the last four years, Playdoo-CI has expanded across the country by creating branches in the interior. Increased emphasis has been placed on women's issues, combating poverty and pursuing action in support of democratic culture for peace in Côte d'Ivoire.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Human rights treaty body:

During the period under consideration (2014–2017) Playdoo-CI contributed to the preparation of the Report of Côte d'Ivoire to the Human Rights Committee. The Report was presented in March 2015 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Commission on the Status of Women: through its chairperson and some of its members, Playdoo-CI participated in various sessions from 2010 to 2013 in New York. But in recent years members have encountered difficulties in obtaining visas, which has hampered organization members' ability to participate in the work of the Commission in person.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Playdoo-CI responds to invitations to participate in events or meetings organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Development Programme in Côte d'Ivoire — all in a positive spirit of cooperation.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Seeking to make its own contribution to the aims of the World Health Organization and to attainment of relevant Sustainable Development Goals, Playdoo-CI has worked on establishing Sustainable Development Goal 5, gender equality, which aims to achieve equality between the sexes by rendering women and girls more autonomous. To that end, Playdoo-CI has implemented a project in the Bas-Sassandra district to promote women's rights in order to enhance their autonomy and social cohesion (March–September 2017). Playdoo-CI also participated in an international symposium on the theme "Convergence des consciences vers les ODD" ("Convergence of consciousness towards the sustainable development goals"). Playdoo-CI has also worked towards Sustainable Development Goal 16, peace and justice, by promoting peace through a project to support consolidation of the electoral process in order to achieve "credible and non-violent elections in Côte d'Ivoire" (September–November 2015). Playdoo-CI also conducted a civic education and awareness campaign for massive and peaceful participation in the legislative elections of 2016 (November 2016–January 2017).

11. Tchad Agir pour l'environnement

Special, 2006

Introduction

Tchad Agir pour l'environnement conducts campaigns to inform, mobilize and raise awareness of target populations. Through its many missions in CAR refugee camps in Chad as well as interventions at the Human Rights Council of the United Nations in Geneva and the High Commissioner for Refugees, the organization has raised awareness among populations of refugees and indigenous people regarding environmental problems that impinge upon their very survival. Emphasis has also been placed on how to halt desertification around refugee camps and villages at risk.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In the case of Chad, the land area inhabited by nomadic people is made up of semi-arid zones whose environmental balance is fragile. Disrupting that balance generally leads to degradation of the soil, with major repercussions for the most vulnerable populations, who are often very poor. As new arid regions emerge, food insecurity increases, in parallel with rural poverty and environmental refugees. For this reason, the organization believes that establishing wadi farming projects and

agroforestry projects is useful and necessary for the population and to protect the environment in areas inhabited by nomadic people. This forms part of the relentless fight to protect the environment and sustainable development against deforestation of the Lake Chad basin generally, and especially along the banks, in order to address the twofold problem of erosion and excessive evaporation with silting of the lake and growing riparian populations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization condemns arbitrary arrests and denounces continued violations of fundamental freedoms. Thus, it calls upon the Egyptian authorities to release journalists and all persons arrested arbitrarily since the coup of 3 July 2013. Egypt will not be held in high esteem unless pluralism is respected and a true national reconciliation is undertaken between the different sectors of the Egyptian population. For this approach to become a reality, an inclusive national dialogue must be launched by drawing all Egyptians into the political process.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates on a modest scale in various meetings of human rights bodies in Geneva, making written and oral interventions.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization cooperates with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Awareness-raising among a large part of the local and rural population to encourage schooling of girls, awareness-raising against early marriage of rural girls, close cooperation between the organization and local grass-roots community organizations.

12. Union des nations pour l'enseignement, la science universelle et les droits de l'homme

Special, 2014

Introduction

The mission of the Union des nations pour l'enseignement, la science universelle et les droits de l'homme (UNESU) is to foster, locally, regionally and internationally, the idea of democratic evolution through a focus on its central social component: Man, viewed as a threefold being (rhythmic, metabolic and neuro-sensory). The human person is quintessentially the cell or building-block of society. By analogy, every cell of an organ may be seen as a human being and every organ as a nation. World peace can arise only when the threefold unity of Man is reflected in the organization of the polity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UNESU aims at promoting a culture of peace by teaching the art of living together. UNESU strives to combine the economic, the political and the cultural within a universal model of Man in his threefold functional make-up. UNESU is committed to building entrepreneurial, pedagogical, cultural and political structures that facilitate self-management among associations and corporations, and the creation of free public schools as well as civic autonomy through democratic evolution. All that exists is the here and now — which we can fully experience and share by respecting the values contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNESU participates regularly in sessions of the Human Rights Council, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva Peace Week (GPW), Geneva Peace Talk (GPT) and Human Rights Day. In connection with these meetings it organizes side events, panels and one-day international symposia.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

UNESU cooperates closely with the Office of the Director General of UNOG, especially with the NGO Branch, in the context of symposiums, panels and side events.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The mission of UNESU is to promote initiatives by the women of French-speaking Africa, women's leadership, and the growth of women's entrepreneurship especially in the African continent. In 2016, UNESU organized a United Nations conference on the theme "Women at the heart of an emerging economy and sustainable development".

13. Vues et voix

Special, 2014

Introduction

Vues et voix produces audio book adaptations and is also a radio station ("Channel M") broadcasting 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Its productions and services are available worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The target audience of Vues et voix consists of people who have a visual motor or learning impairment as well as children with learning disabilities such as dyslexia, dysorthography and dysgraphia. Channel M provides varied programming about a host of subjects to encourage social and cultural self-realization of disabled people, to extend support to their caregivers, and to educate the general public about their reality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Vues et voix participated in the fifteenth summit of the International Organisation of La Francophonie in Dakar, Senegal from 25 to 30 November 2014
- Demonstrating expertise in production of audio book adaptations
- Promoting educational, cultural and informational activities for all persons with disabilities
- Raising awareness among participants of the difficulties unsighted persons face in accessing printed documents
- Encouraging cooperation between publishers of works in audio, digital, and Braille formats in all French-speaking countries
- Participation in the International Symposium of the Union Francophone des Aveugles (UFA) on 30 November 2015 in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Aims:

- Ratification of legal texts in order to promote protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and blind persons, especially in Cameroon
- Initiating strategic thinking about the difficulties blind persons face obtaining access to works of literature as well as more generally about modalities of participation by the disabled in social, political, cultural and economic life.

Vues et voix trained five technical specialists from Martinique and Haiti. The eight-week training sessions took place in January and February of 2015.

Aim:

- Establishing adapted audio book production centres in Martinique in Haiti
- Learning to use Daisy audio software
- Understanding the different kinds of disability and their specific needs.

Vues et voix has partnered with the European Union, Bibliothèques Sans Frontières, Bibliothèque Publique d'Information de Paris, Fondation Connaissance et Liberté, Direction Nationale du Livre, Bureau Haïtien du Droit d'Auteur, Bibliothèque Nationale d'Haïti, Fondation BRANA, Fondation Lucienne Deschamps, Bureau du Secrétaire d'Etat à l'Intégration des Personnes Handicapées and Union Francophone des Aveugles (UFA) to establish the first audio library in Port-au-Prince, Haïti. Vues et voix participated in the Congress of the World Blind Union and the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) from 18 to 25 August 2016 in Orlando (United States of America).

Aims:

- To participate in work on human rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- To foster possible partnerships between organizations hailing from the French-speaking world
- Mobilizing for the setting of sustainable development goals beyond 2015
- Promoting audio books adapted for young people living with learning disabilities
- Participation in the seminar on building capacities of leaders of disabled people's movements in Cameroon, in the framework of the twenty-sixth international days for disabled persons, from 27 November to 3 December 2017. Vues et Voix delivered a lecture on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives took part in the International Day for Persons with Disabilities organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in New York on 3 December 2014. Representatives took part in the eighth session, New York, United States of America, 9–11 June 2015; the ninth session, New York, United States of America, 14–16 June 2016; and the tenth session, New York, United States of America, 13–15 June 2017 of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Vues et voix provided on a volunteer basis the translation from English to French of "Working with ECOSOC: an NGO Guide to Consultative Status". Vues et voix also produced on a volunteer basis an English and French audio recording of the brochure that is available on the site.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Vues et voix, through its radio broadcasting branch Canal M, has publicized various United Nations international days each year.

14. Women in Law and Development in Africa

Special, 1998

Introduction

Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF) is a pan-African women's rights network created in 1990.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote and strengthen strategies that link law to development with a view to the emergence of a culture of women's rights in Africa in which those rights are practiced and respected. Specific goals relate to communication, legal education, law reform, reform of legal policy and services, utilization of the law and other strategies as an organizational and educational tool at the local, national and regional level, and strengthening and assisting local groups in the design and improvement of legal programmes or any other programme and strategy.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2016 WiLDAF created WiLDAF-Niger, an association of women jurists in Niger.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- 2014–2015 project: "West African women and farmers against poverty" (Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Liberia and Togo): 127,485 people were sensitized regarding women's rights in 77 communities; 2,351 women received legal aid; 2,120 women and 791 men were given training in agricultural techniques, which made it possible to boost agricultural production by 20 per cent; support was provided to 104 women's cooperatives which, by organizing, were able to make use of policies and programmes in the field. Customs entrenching inequality and

creating obstacles to women's autonomy, such as rules of inheritance, were modified in the villages covered by the project.

- 2016 project: "Combating early marriage by fostering women's autonomy in West Africa" (Mali, Niger and Togo): three studies were conducted; 363 trained girls and boys are at work on the ground.
- WiLDAF-Tanzania (2014–2017): a project aimed at helping to reduce gender violence in 10 localities reached 24,830 residents through community dialogues; 65 women and 36 men received paralegal training; 8,124 people (including 5,281 women) received assistance, two million people were reached on Facebook, and police intervention protocols were developed and adopted
- 2014 to 2017: impact of the regional agricultural investment programme, food security and nutrition applicable in the 15 countries of ECOWAS and national programmes under development aimed at integrating women's rights and gender rights.
- 2014 to 2016: support to African farmers' organizations led to adoption of a charter asserting rights of rural women in regard to their real property rights.
- 2015 to 2016, WiLDAF-Mali: projects on violence against women in post-conflict situations and on women's political participation: 120 assistance staff including judicial personnel received training on issues of violence; 137 women candidates to local elections received training and assistance, 55 women received training on issues of peace; the number of women elected as councillors increased (in Timbuktu, from 2 women out of 23 in 2009 to 8 women out of 29; in Bamako Commune IV from 4 women elected in 2009 to 14 women in 2016)
- WiLDAF-Zambia: project "Women's participation in the democratic electoral process" (2014–2017): fulfilment of the quota regarding legal and electoral personnel, training of candidates for elections.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WiLDAF participated in sessions 58 to 61 of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

- Since 2017, creation of a coalition against child marriage in West and Central Africa with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and UN-Women and other organizations of civil society following the holding of a High-level Meeting on Ending Child Marriage in West and Central Africa.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

- Participation in the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), devoted to challenges in implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in Addis Ababa; at the regional conference on strengthening women's position post-2015 at Kampala, from 23 to 25 June, 2014; in the review process of Beijing + 15; and at the High Level Political Forum to review the Sustainable Development Goals in July, 2016.
- Initiation of programmes pursuant to priority 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals.